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# EMS gets physical, raises money for CFC

by 2nd Lt. Rosemary Heiss  
Public Affairs

"Help him out! Come on! Pull him up! Pull him up!" yelled a group of bystanders as an airman struggled his way over a six-foot wall during a fundraiser for the Combined Federal Campaign.

Members of the 16th Equipment Maintenance Squadron held a unit competition at the base obstacle course, better known as "The Jungle," Oct. 12 to raise money for the squadron's CFC fund.

Thirteen teams, with four airmen each, participated in the event that raised more than \$500 in less than two hours.

The money was raised by charging each person a \$10 entry fee.

"This helps us reach our 40 percent participation goal," said Tech. Sgt. Stephen Mrvica, the squadron CFC representative. "Everyone came out and had a good time. So it boosted morale, and at the same time it raised money."

The event coordinator, 2nd Lt. Martin Sisson, planned the event to replace the typical Friday morning run.

His idea was to achieve several objectives with one event; it was planned to simultaneously raise funds, relieve tension, heighten Esprit de Corps and improve physical fitness, he said in a proposal to the squadron commander, Maj. Robert Miglionico.

The event winner, with a time of 9 minutes, 2 seconds, was team "AGE II," four airmen from Aerospace Ground Equipment flight – Staff Sgts. Aaron Malvesto and Tommy Owen, Senior Airman Lewis Larrabee and Airman 1st Class Donald Gauldin Jr.

Airman Larrabee described the event as "awesome!"

"Everyone getting together and doing an athletic workout is great," he said. "We work so much, it's good to do our workout together."

Sergeant Owen added, "We couldn't have finished it without team work."

The obstacle course included about 15 events, such as a net climb, monkey bars, barbed wire crawl and a rope swing – each designed to test the participants' physical fitness.

Indeed team work was the key to the course that left even fit people struggling for endurance.

"How ya doin'?" a sergeant asked an airman who'd just crawled through a tunnel, finishing the course.

"Dead," the airman laughed as he lay on the ground, winded but smiling.

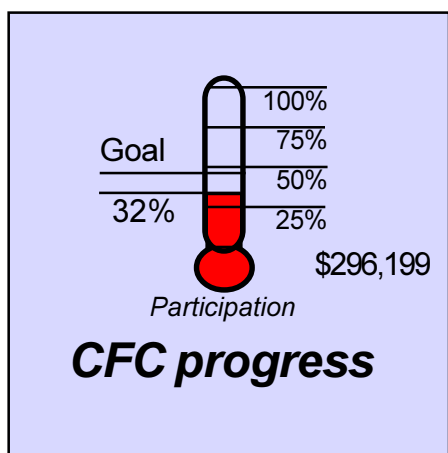
Even after complete exertion, the squadron gathered between the last two obstacles, waiting on the last team, and a sergeant's voice barked out, "The pain is almost over!"

The event brought the squadron's CFC donation total to \$18,000. The last day to contribute to CFC is Oct. 26.



Photo by Staff Sgt. André Nicholson

Airman 1st Class Sean Burger, 16th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, carries teammate Tech. Sgt. Michael Blair, 16th EMS, through part of the obstacle course during the unit's competition Oct. 12. For more on the competition see page 14.



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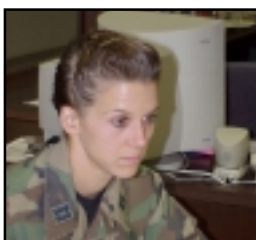


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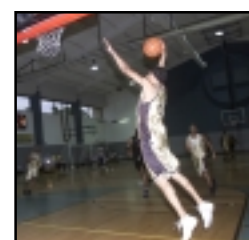


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Col. Lyle Koenig, 16th Special Operations Wing commander, handles an Albino King Snake from the 16th Civil Engineer Squadron's entomology shop during his out and about with Chief Master Sgt. Eddie Alicea, 16th SOW command chief.

## Maternity clothing

**Comment:** My sister works at Duke Field and is pregnant. The Reservists are lucky to have maternity clothing provided to them.

I was told active-duty members must purchase this clothing themselves. I think it would be nice if pregnant military members had a place to go to rent service dress and mess dress uniforms so they could go to special occasions without spending a lot of money.

**Reply:** You'll be pleased to know the Air Force provides enlisted,

active-duty women a maternity clothing allowance. After receiving a pregnancy profile from their health care provider, women are authorized \$283. Members take the profile to their squadron orderly room, where the information is forwarded to the finance office for processing. This allowance is authorized once every three years and is used for purchase of maternity smocks, worn in place of the mess or service dress uniforms.

## Dangerous walking

**Comment:** I was crossing Tully

Avenue in a crosswalk when I was nearly hit by a person driving a gold Oldsmobile. I jotted down her license plate number and called the security forces. They told me they couldn't give her a ticket for the incident. They went on to say they could only call her and brief her on the rules about crosswalks.

From what I understand, there's an Air Force instruction, which specifically states vehicles will yield to pedestrians in crosswalks. I'm wondering if this rule is being enforced and by whom?

**Reply:** You're correct. Pedestrians do have the right of way in crosswalks, which means all oncoming traffic must yield. However, pedestrians must ensure that they don't enter a crosswalk without first taking all the appropriate precautions when crossing a street without one. Unfortunately not all drivers are as attentive to their surroundings and road signs as they should be. Security forces are responsible for enforcing all traffic regulations, however they can't issue citations for traffic complaints. We ask individuals wishing to report unsafe drivers go to the Security Forces Control Center at building 90603 to fill out a statement or call 884-6423. Our SF personnel will then notify the driver's first sergeant/commander or responsible agency of the occurrence so they can deal with the incident appropriately. Security forces also tracks the number of complaints a person has and forwards that information to the driver's unit when multiple complaints have been filed.

# Seatbelt usage: the choice is yours

by Staff Sgt. David Sharon  
Wing Safety Office

There was once a time when I, like most people, thought of themselves as invincible and that there was no need to wear one of those annoying, uncomfortable and restrictive seatbelts. Then the unthinkable happened. You guessed it; I was involved in a motor vehicle accident. I was on my way to work and had just walked out of the house and into my car, when a feeling came over me that this time I needed to wear my seatbelt. Not really thinking why, I buckled up and left for work.

While traveling down the road without a care in the world, (except the annoying, uncomfortable and restrictive seatbelt I was wearing) it happened. As I was entering an intersection, I noticed another vehicle starting to turn into my vehicle. I applied my brakes and the last thought I remember going through my mind was now I'll see if this seatbelt really works.

After the chaos that follows most vehicle accidents was over and I stood watching the ambulance take the other driver away, I couldn't help but wonder why the other driver hadn't worn his seatbelt. Was it because it was annoying, uncomfortable or just too restrictive?

That's when I came to realize that those annoying, uncomfortable and restrictive seatbelts aren't so bad. After all, the seatbelt gave me another chance to be around for the most

important thing in my life — my family.

According to national statistics, when passengers wear seatbelts and shoulder harnesses, they can often survive crashes occurring at 60 miles an hour or more. Overall, seatbelt wearers are four times less likely to die in accidents than unsecured travelers are. Yet, millions of Americans refuse to use seatbelts. People say it's too much trouble, others say the devices are too restrictive or even uncomfortable. A few even go to the extreme and disable the automatic belts on their cars.

Some theorize that the reason people don't like to buckle up is that doing so is admission that an accident could occur, and that's not a pleasant thought. However, if people applied that same thinking to other aspects of their lives, they wouldn't buy auto insurance, fire insurance or health insurance. They wouldn't have smoke alarms or electrical circuit breakers. But like smoke alarms, seatbelts and shoulder harnesses help prevent tragedy; they don't cause it. If all Americans wore them, government statisticians say, 12,000 fewer people would die each year in accidents. Thousands more would suffer only minor injuries or none at all.

So the next time you get into your vehicle and you're trying to decide if you should or shouldn't wear your seatbelt, ask yourself this: "If I get into an accident, do I want to increase my odds of surviving the accident and seeing my family again or having my family visiting my grave site?" The choice is yours.



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# News

## Meals delivered on little wheels

by Ian Stern  
Public Affairs

Since the tragic events of Sept. 11, security forces airmen and their augmentees from around the wing have been in a heightened state of readiness to ensure the base remains safe from unauthorized intruders. The men and women pulling guard duty are there 12 hours each day, 7 days a week in all types of weather, hot or cold, wet or dry.

One would think their task of providing security goes unnoticed. However, within a week of the attack on New York's World Trade Center and the Pentagon, people were bringing food and sweets to the guards.

"The 605th Test Squadron brought cellophane wrapped goodies for our troops, and we distributed them via our four wheeled, all-terrain vehicle to the people on the flight line and at different guard posts on base," said Master Sgt. Jeffrey Emel, 16 SFS first sergeant.

The idea stemmed from Sylvia Hill, an editorial assistant with the 605th TS. She went to her commander, Lt. Col. Hank Toussaint, and proposed the idea of showing appreciation to the security forces. "He wholeheartedly endorsed the effort," said Ms. Hill, "and we were off and running. It was a squadron function and so many people either brought in food or donated money to buy what we needed. All in all, we were able to put together 50 packages and Colonel Toussaint recommended we seal the items in clear plastic wrap."

"We're so happy we made them feel good. They've been so pleasant each morning as I enter the base, that I felt we just had to do something," she said.

"The outpouring of support from various on-and off-base organizations and



Photo by Airman 1st Class Sam Taylor

Maj. Kenneth Andersen, 16th Security Forces Squadron commander, and his secretary, Trudy Greszczak, review letters, cards and boxes of goodies sent from base well wishers.

businesses has been overwhelming," said Sergeant Emel. "In addition to the packages made by the 605th, our cops have been given fruit, cookies, bottled water, sandwiches and sweets."

There have also been hot meals made and delivered by one of the local churches. Sergeant Emel tries to ensure that not only the security forces, but also the maintenance troops share in the benefits. "They're working extra hours too," he said.

In fact, the First Sergeants Group has taken up a collection to buy hamburgers, hot dogs, buns and all the extras to feed the troops once each week.

"The shirts do the cooking and are glad to show their appreciation," said the sergeant.

Staff Sgt. Christopher Hill, 919th Security Forces, Duke Field, has been on duty here for the past three weeks.

"Cops are usually appreciated, by the public, around the holiday season but not much the rest of the year."

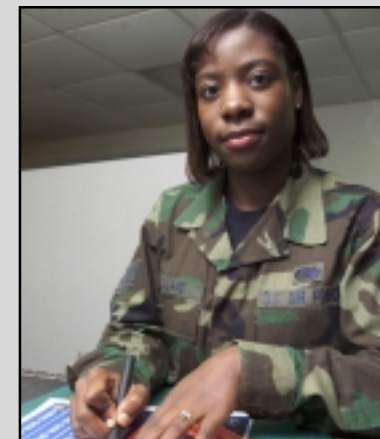
"People have dropped off submarine sandwiches, snacks and bottled water while I was performing guard duty at the gates," echoed Airman 1st Class Nicholas Campbell, 16 SFS. "They're very thoughtful and appreciative of what we're doing for them."

"I think it's great!" added Airman First Class Trige Nurse, 16th Services Squadron, who usually works in the Oasis Dining Facility. "I love the support we're getting. [Last Saturday] a group of spouses brought us fresh home made cookies to show us their appreciation for what we're doing. I've been to the first shirt sponsored cook out, and it sure was satisfying after a hard day's work to get a 'burger, drink and some chips served by the senior noncommissioned officers. It shows that they know and care about what we're doing."

"The combined effort of all the Special Ops cops, and their augmentees has been something to see," said Maj. Kenneth Andersen, 16th SFS commander. "Everyone is working extremely hard to make sure our base resources and personnel are afforded the highest level of protection. I know the traffic at the gates each morning is very trying on everyone's patience, but I continue to urge everyone to stagger their work hours to help alleviate these traffic jams."

"Please remember, before you start to get aggravated at that young airman or NCO checking your identification at the gate, that force protection is everyone's responsibility, and that we are all in this together — one team, one fight."

## Spotlight on ...



**Staff Sgt. Kenya Dillard**

**Name:** Kenya Dillard

**Rank/Duty Title:** Staff Sergeant/NCO in charge, Visual Information shop

**Organization:** Command and Control Warrior School

**Hometown:** Sanford, N.C.

**Hobbies:** Softball and reading

**Contribution to the mission:** Sergeant Dillard is responsible for the audiovisual support required to train more than 6,500 joint/combined command and control warfighters annually through six different academic courses.

She designs complex two-and three-dimensional images for electronic presentations and provides detailed graphic artwork to include sketches and other types of visual aids.

The sergeant also schedules, deconflicts and operates a variety of professional quality audio, video and multimedia systems for course and conferences.

She was recognized as the Airman Leadership School's top academic performer and was the John L. Levitow award winner in class 01-E.

*(Editor's Note: The COMMANDO highlights airmen, junior NCOs, company grade officers, Department of Defense civilians and volunteers in units who do a great job, but who may not receive much recognition day-to-day. Supervisors can call the 16th Special Operations Wing Public Affairs Office at 884-7464 for more information on nominating an individual for the "Spotlight on..." column.)*



Photo by Airman 1st Class Sam Taylor

Staff Sgt. John Franke, 16th Security Forces Squadron, stands watch at Hurlburt Field's front gate.



# AIR FORCE NEWS

## Medics hit jackpot utilizing GEMS

**WASHINGTON** – With the threat of biological and chemical attacks, Air Force medics are well prepared to detect, treat and prevent the possibility of future outbreaks in record speed using the Global Expeditionary Medical System.

GEMS can be used to track sickness ranging from the flu and food poisoning to more serious outbreaks. It's used to track medical trends, including sports injuries, said Brig. Gen. Klaus Schafer, assistant surgeon general for medical readiness, science and technology from the Office of the Surgeon General at Bolling Air Force Base, Washington D.C.

The system was initially developed to electronically track diseases and medical conditions seen in people deployed to Southwest Asia, he said, however, since then, its mission has expanded and will eventually be used throughout the Air Force medical world.

"Having a system like GEMS in place allows us to diagnose much earlier and intervene much earlier and probably save more lives in the long run," he said.

"I think everyone is very familiar with medical records," he said. "You know, those big volumes you take in when you go see your physician. They're all paper-based. What GEMS does is turn them into an electronic record. And the beauty of doing an electronic record is it allows you to capture data on the fly and to collate data across multiple patients and locations."

The system becomes a tracking mechanism and has real implications

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## AF needs enlisted people for aviator positions

**RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas** – Enlisted people interested in aviation opportunities in the Air Force may find what they're looking for among the nine career enlisted aviator specialties.

With about half of the specialties on the chronic critical skills shortage list, people can visit local military personnel flights to determine their eligibility to cross-train and requirements they must meet to qualify for these positions.

Career enlisted aviator positions include the following specialties:

○ **A 1A0X1** – in-flight refueling specialist – is a flight crewmember on KC-135 Stratotanker and KC-10 Extender aircraft responsible for in-flight aerial refueling of fighter, bomber and cargo aircraft.

○ **A 1A1X1B** – rotary-wing flight engineer – is a flight crewmember on various model Special Operations and rescue helicopters responsible for aircraft performance, navigation, hoist operations and aerial gunnery operations.

○ **A 1A1X1C** – fixed-wing flight engineer performance qualified – is a flight crewmember on various fixed-wing aircraft responsible for aircraft performance, systems operation and malfunction detection and analysis.

○ **A 1A2X1** – loadmaster – is a flight crewmember on cargo aircraft responsible for supervising cargo loading and tie-down, weight and balance calculations and passenger handling.

○ **A 1A3X1** – airborne communications specialist – is a flight crewmember responsible for operation and troubleshooting of all radio communication equipment.

○ **A 1A4X1** – airborne battle management systems specialist – is a flight crewmember responsible for operation of airborne radar and electronic countermeasures equipment.



Photo by Scott Spitzer

Airman 1st Class Adam Cain, a KC-10A extender boom operator from the 2nd Air Refueling Squadron at McGuire Air Force Base, N.J., makes contact with a B-2 Spirit during refueling operations. The duty position of in-flight refueling specialist is one of nine Air Force career enlisted aviator specialties.

○ **A 1A5X1** – airborne mission systems specialist – is a flight crewmember responsible for operation of airborne radar, identification friend or foe equipment, computer display and ancillary equipment.

○ **A 1A6X1** – flight attendant – is a flight crewmember on various VIP aircraft responsible for passenger handling and service.

○ **A 1A7X1** – aerial gunner – is a flight crewmember on various model Special Operations and rescue aircraft responsible for operation of numerous offensive and defensive weapon systems.

○ **A 1A8X1** – airborne cryptologic linguist – is a flight crewmember on various aircraft responsible for foreign language translation.

Benefits include career enlisted flight incentive pay starting at \$150 per month and increasing to \$400 per month with overtime, selective re-enlistment bonuses and increased promotion rates for specialties on the chronic critical skills shortage list.

For more information, people can visit the air staff career enlisted aviator Web page. (AFPC)

## Look who's talking: What's the worst thing you ever did growing up that got you grounded?



*"When I was 7, I attacked my friend with a hammer when he threw a rock at my head."*

**Senior Airman Jason DeGeorge**  
16th Component Repair Squadron



*"The worst thing I ever did to get me grounded was filling the tub with baby powder and making footprints through the entire house."*

**Senior Airman Tanteria Vega**  
16th Mission Support Squadron



*"In my younger years, I set fire to three acres of my fathers woods. The only problem is that the fire spread to my neighbors automotive shop and burned it down."*

**Airman 1st Class Curtis Watson**  
16th Supply Squadron

## Special Operators inducted into association's hall of fame

by Tech. Sgt.  
**Ginger Schreitmüller**  
*AFSOC Public Affairs*

The Air Commando Association inducted seven Special Operators into its hall of fame during a ceremony Oct. 6.

The induction ceremony was part of the association's annual reunion held in Fort Walton Beach, Fla.

The hall of fame inductees were honored for their lasting contributions to Special Operations. This year's inductees were as follows:

Lt. Gen. Maxwell Bailey, commander Air Force Special Operations Command; retired Col. Thomas Bradley; retired Col. Michael Haas; retired Col. E.E. Johnson; retired Lt. Col. William Heath; retired Lt. Col. Robert Madden (posthumously); and Senior Master Sgt. William Walter, Headquarters AFSOC directorate of operations.

"Induction into the hall of fame is not based on a person's collection of ribbons," said retired Maj. Gen. Richard Secord. "If that was the qualifier, there wouldn't be enough room in the ACA building to post all the names of our warriors."

The hall of fame was established to recognize people who've made an impact on Special Operations."

In accepting his award, General Bailey thanked today's Special Operators.

"This honor is not about me," he said. "This honor goes to all those who serve today, for carrying out the tradition of the Air Commandos present in this room."

Colonel Bradley, Colonel Haas and Colonel Heath were unable to attend the ceremony. Colonel Madden's widow, Ms. May, accepted the award on behalf of her husband.

The induction ceremony began with a special presentation of the hall of fame certificate to Jack Kelso, who was a technical sergeant when inducted into the hall of fame in 1969. Sergeant Kelso was unable to attend his induction ceremony and didn't receive his certificate. Sergeant Kelso was a survival instructor for Jungle Jim.

The ACA is an organization formed during the Vietnam War by Air Force personnel who served in various Air Commando and Special Operations units.

The association's purpose is to keep alive the Air Commando spirit, to rekindle camaraderie and to honor past and present Special Operators.

According to ACA representatives, the association also promotes the children of its members, both deceased and living, by offering scholarships.

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for the kinds of events happening today, such as terrorist activity, General Schafer said.

"One of the things I think people really don't realize is that (medical professionals) can very much be the 'point of entry' to an event like the anthrax cases we heard about recently," he said. "All of those patients show up (in the emergency room) with symptoms — fever, headache, nausea, vomiting, etc."

GEMS helps health care professionals keep track of symptoms.

If the system detects an increase, it will raise a flag to say something is happening and may recommend additional laboratory tests, General Schafer said.

In the event anthrax was

spread over a large area, a diagnosis of patients can be made much sooner with GEMS than using traditional paper medical records.

"Additionally, you could start intervention and treatment of other patients," General Schafer said. "The sooner you treat, the more likely (patients) are to survive."

"GEMS is absolutely a valuable system," he said. "It tells what's happening to the patient population. You can't very easily go back (through paper medical records to look for trends).

"GEMS is the on-time, always on, type of system that raises the flag on its own," General Schafer said. "We're living in a different world than we were a few weeks ago. Because of that, these kinds of tools now become extremely important and useful to us."

# Execs work long hours, keep wing running

by Staff Sgt.  
**André Nicholson**  
*Public Affairs*

A typical day for most people on base is an 8-hour shift with some exceptions for shift workers and members on flexible or rotating schedules. However, a typical day for an executive officer can easily range from 10 to 12 hours.

Capt. Shari Silverman, executive officer for the 16th Special Operations Wing commander and vice commander, said her typical day can be 11 or more hours. "However, if at least two executives are around we try to limit it to 10 hours," and that would be a short day, she said jokingly.

Captain Silverman, who's a medical officer in disguise, said the daily activities in her office include reviewing performance reports, medal and awards packages, coordination of wing suspenses and basically being the hub of information for both commanders.

One executive officer who deals with suspenses from the wing office is 2nd Lt. Jim Hair, 16th Logistics Group. He handles all the suspenses from the wing and in turn filters them out to the several different squadrons.

There are several tasks involved with being an executive officer and, "One day can be slow, and the next day there can be a wave of things going on. Those are the days when you really have to keep up because it's easy to fall behind with all the things coming in and out of the office," Lieutenant Hair said.

Although it's busy, he said he enjoys his job because it gives him the chance to deal with the positive aspects of the group like the awards and decorations program.

However, he said if he could change anything, he would like to be more mobile because he is tied to his desk and computer for the majority of the day.

He is the only executive with the 16th LG and said the group and squadron secretaries help him out a great deal and that makes his job much easier.

Working well with other execs is an important part of the job. Capt. Chad Pit-Og, 16th Operations Group executive officer, said the operations group has a good crew and between the other executives, they assist one another.

Captain Pit-Og usually starts his day around 6:45 or 7 a.m., and said it's easy for their day to go about 12 hours. For some, that may seem like a long day, but for he and Capt. Hans Poole, another 16th OG executive officer, it's simply a "typical day."

They agree the position gives them the opportunity to see how and why decisions are made from a group level, which is interesting for them, because they were both squadron level executives before.

"The job is nice because it offers a big perspective on how the group operates," said Captain Poole.

Long hours aren't their favorite part of the job, but they said, they'd definitely recommend the position to other captains and junior officers just so they could get the group perspective.

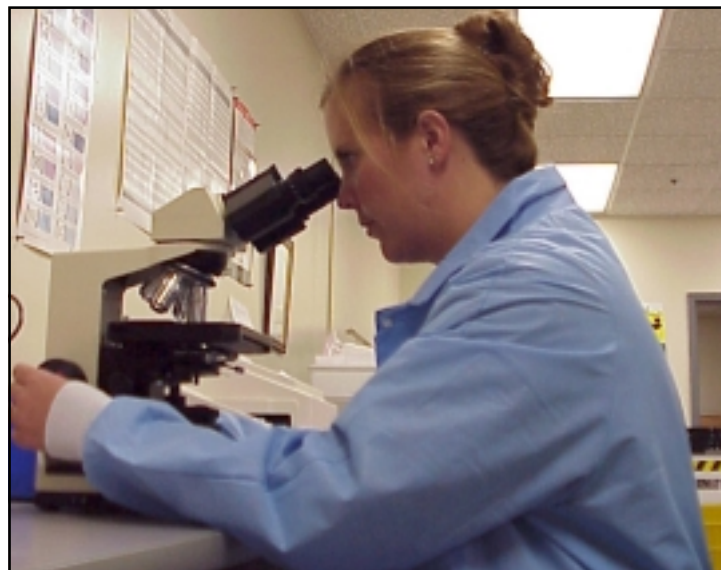
First Lt. Katie Hunter, 16th Medical Group, executive officer and director of laboratory services, like other executive officers, still performs duties in her primary career field.

Her day also begins around 6:45 a.m., and she said, "I'm usually able to conduct my executive duties first thing in the morning."

Those duties begin with reviewing the wing task list, coordinating and generating the 16th MDG task list and ensuring suspenses are met and filtered out, she said.

Although she seems to handle it with no problems, she said doing both jobs can require a lot of time.

With only so many hours in the day, the executive officers will continue to meet their suspenses, keep their respective commanders in the know and handle the many other tasks set before them, but Captain Silverman, who's also a physical therapist, recommends a little stress reduction to start or end the day in the life of an executive officer.



First Lt. Katie Hunter, 16th Medical Group executive officer, examines a microscopic sample in the 16th MDG's lab.

Second Lt. Jim  
Hair, 16th  
Logistics Group  
executive  
officer, reviews  
suspenses in  
his office.



Photos by Staff Sgt. André Nicholson





Photo by Tech. Sgt. Jim Varhegyi

During the Pentagon Memorial Ceremony on Oct. 11, thousands of people wave American flags as they sing "Battle Hymn of the Republic." More than 20,000 people attended the ceremony at the Pentagon Parade Ground to remember those killed in the Sept. 11 terrorist attack at the Pentagon.

## Ceremony remembers Pentagon terrorist victims

**WASHINGTON** – Even as tacticians and warplanners toiled inside its storied walls, the Pentagon stood still Oct. 11, a day in which men and women of each of the uniformed services converged to pay respects to their fallen comrades.

It was a day marked by tears of anguish, mixed with steely words of duty and resolve, a day in which a president drew a standing ovation for his words of praise for the "brave men and women in the U.S. military."

"United in Memory," a memorial ceremony for those killed in the Sept. 11 terrorist attack on the Pentagon, featured a keynote address by President George Bush. Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld was the event's host. Among those in attendance were former President Bill Clinton and a virtual "who's who" of U.S. government leaders, including Secretary of State Colin Powell.

Moments after a stirring rendition of "Battle Hymn of the Republic," during which thousands of mourning stood and waved flags as they sang, the president took the podium and spoke of confidence and commitment.

"A commander-in-chief must know – must know – that he can count on the skill and the readiness of servicemen and women at every point in the chain of command," he said.

"You have given me that confidence, and I give you these commitments.

"Brick by brick, we will quickly rebuild the Pentagon. You will

have everything you need in the war against terror – every resource, every weapon, every means to ensure full victory for the United States and the cause of freedom."

Those words followed similar words of praise for the armed forces from both Secretary Rumsfeld and Gen. Richard Meyers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Secretary Rumsfeld, speaking of the 125 men and women killed inside the Pentagon during the attack, said, "We remember them as heroes, and we're right to do so.

"They died because, in words of justification offered by the attackers, they were Americans," he said. "They died then, because of how they lived – proud of freedom, proud of their country and proud of their country's cause – the cause of human freedom.

"But they also died for another reason, because they worked here in this building – the Pentagon. It's seen as a place of power, seen as the greatest collection of military might in history.

"And yet, a might used differently than history has ever known."

General Meyers echoed the secretary's comments.

"They were serving their country" in the course of doing their jobs at the Pentagon," the general said, "and on Sept. 11 were called to make the ultimate sacrifice. For that, we call them heroes." (AFPN)

## OPSEC keeps pieces of a puzzle separate

**WASHINGTON** – Picture a large jigsaw puzzle with many pieces. Sometimes two pieces fit together and sometimes they don't. What happens when a piece doesn't fit? It's put to the side until a match shows up.

In operations security, each bit of information is a puzzle piece. When alone, some information might seem unimportant. But, when matched with other information, the entire picture can be completed.

According to Master Sgt. David Walker, Air Force OPSEC program manager at the Pentagon, when someone violates OPSEC rules, the military mission could be compromised, resulting in lost lives and equipment.

He said the enemy can analyze small bits of unclassified information from telephone conversations, e-mails and small talk and use them to examine the planning, preparation, execution and post execution phases of any activity.

This allows them to see the big picture of military action in any operational environment.

"The picture with bits and pieces of information added together provides the adversary an upper hand," he said. "The enemy now has the information necessary to thwart our planned military operations."

The purpose of OPSEC is to identify information and observable actions relating to mission capabilities, limitations and intentions in order to prevent exploitation by potential adversaries. So, Sergeant Walker said it's everyone's duty, whether active duty, family member or civilian, to protect the mission.

Some things people shouldn't talk about outside the proper environment include troop movements and locations, equipment



locations, operational status of equipment, mission taskings and leadership movement.

Because cellular phones are very vulnerable to interception, Sergeant Walker said it's important for people to use secure phones to protect sensitive information. These phones encrypt and decrypt phone conversations that cannot be descrambled without the proper code. The sergeant said they provide the military a high degree of information protection.

Sergeant Walker said it's also important to remember that the need to know takes precedence over a person's security clearance.

"Even if a person has the proper security clearance, the information may be privy to a small group of people who're responsible for protecting the information," he said. "Prior to granting access to classified material, a person must have the proper security clearance and a need to know."

Sergeant Walker said following simple OPSEC can make the enemy's job that much more difficult.

"OPSEC is very important, not only in wartime, but in peacetime," he said. "A little effort on our part can make it much harder for our adversaries to gain valuable information regarding Air Force military operations."

For more information on OPSEC, contact the 16th Special Operations Wing OPSEC program office at 884-3442. (AFPN)



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# Civil engineer, environmental officer provides life-long learning

by Staff Sgt.  
André Nicholson  
Public Affairs

"You can lead a horse to water, but you can't make it drink," is a cliché that means you can provide someone with an opportunity, but you can't make them take it.

First Lt. Kelly Hannum, 16th Civil Engineer Squadron, environmental program manager, took the opportunity presented to him. When given the offer to teach, he took it and now teaches the "Modern Environmental Issues" class at the University of West Florida.

"The college was looking for someone to teach the course, and I accepted it," he said. "It's an interesting opportunity, and at age 23, not many people get a chance like this."

With a background in civil and environmental engineering, Lieutenant Hannum is passionate about the environment.

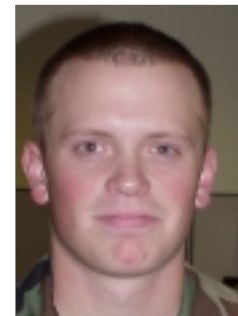
The class, which he titled, is taught to students from 50 to 80 years of age, he said.

"Most of my students are older and take this course as an extra curricular activity," the lieutenant said. The course is 10 weeks long, and he makes all the lesson plans and the course syllabus.

Some of the things he teaches in his course are the importance of conservation, water and waste water purification and something

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1st Lt. Kelly Hannum  
16th Civil Engineer Squadron



extremely familiar to him – recycling, since along with his other duties in the CE squadron, he's in charge of the base recycling program.

He said he tries to express to students why they should be concerned with environmental issues, but doesn't expect everyone to run out and make an immediate change.

"A lot of the problems we have today are because we didn't know any better 20 or 30 years ago," said Lieutenant Hannum. "So as technology has advanced and we've learned more, people can do more to improve the environment," he added.

But another reason he was interested in teaching the course is, "It was a way for our flight to get out and touch the community," he said.

On certain occasions, when he isn't able to make it to the class, one of his co-workers will fill in

as they did for the final two weeks in his last semester. Now teaching his second semester, he's preparing to teach a third.

Dealing with environmental issues on base helps the lieutenant when he teaches his class. The biggest issue on Hurlburt Field, he said, is hazardous materials. Due to the nature of the jobs, people deal with different chemicals such as oil and fuel. The disposal of these chemicals is important to the environment, he said. Not only is it an environmental issue but it's a safety issue as well.

For now, this is something he enjoys, and he's able to use his Air Force experience in the classroom. Someday the lieutenant said he may further pursue college-level teaching. Lieutenant Hannum's class is taught Fridays from 8:45 to 10:15 a.m. at UWF's Fort Walton Beach campus, in the center for life-long learning.

## Officials announce pet-shipping policy

**SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill.** – After a three-month test, Air Mobility Command officials here started a new policy that increases the maximum allowable weight for shipping dogs and cats from 99 to 150 pounds.

The new limit is the combined weight of both the pet and its kennel on Patriot Express contract carrier flights to and from overseas locations.

The policy, which is now in effective, also allows no more than two pets per family. The only exception will be for those who shipped more than two pets overseas under the previous policy outlined in Defense Regulation DOD 4500.9-R, Defense Transportation Regulation.

"If passengers fall into this category they must provide their travel office with documentation that shows proof that they moved with more than two pets," said Cindy Rothenbach, a traffic

management specialist with the passenger policy branch at AMC. "This proof could be either an original pet waiver approval or a boarding pass."

To prevent any delays in boarding, passengers should ensure that an accurate measurement of the total weight of their pet and its kennel be entered into the Global Air Transportation Execution System, prior to arriving at the aerial port. Passengers who arrive at the port with a pet and kennel weighing 20 percent more than that recorded in the system may lose the space reserved for their pet.

Passengers are also required to use a hard-shell kennel that allows their pet enough room to stand up and move around comfortably, Ms. Rothenbach said. Soft-sided or collapsible containers will not be accepted. (AFPN)

## Lightening strikes same office twice

# Mary Esther recruiter named nations best

by **Tech. Sgt. Renee Kirkland**  
331st Recruiting Squadron

**MONTGOMERY, Ala.** — Maxwell Air Force Base-Gunter Annex is the home of the headquarters of the 331st Recruiting Squadron. The squadron is on an unbelievable roll. It has made its recruiting goal for 23 months in a row.

A large contributor to that, is Tech. Sgt. Steven Pleasants, a recruiter in Mary Esther. He was named the recipient of the fiscal 2001 Operation Blue Suit XXIII Award.

The sergeant is the second recruiter to receive this award from the Mary Esther office. The Blue Suit Award recognizes outstanding recruiters country-wide.

Last year one of his office partners, Tech. Sgt. Donald Echols, received the award. Sergeant Echols provided an incentive for Sergeant Pleasants to succeed. "He worked hard and raised the bar and I felt I had to do my part as a member of this great team," said Sergeant Pleasants.

The sergeant certainly did his share and more. Named the Top Rookie Recruiter for fiscal 2001, he made 57 reservations against a goal of 26 — an amazing 219 percent of the goal. He's the only recruiter to exceed the goal for 16 consecutive months in the squadron.

The Mary Esther office is located in a high-traffic area. With Hurlburt Field and Eglin Air Force



**Tech. Sgt. Steven Pleasants**

Base so close to the office, some might think Pleasants had it easy. But his zone includes more than military traffic.

"I have one school in the local area and six schools in Covington County, Alabama," said Sergeant Pleasants. "Covington County is one hour and 45 minutes to my closest school and two hours to my furthest school. So that's what I'd say about that. I attribute my success to hard work and dedication," he added.

With an outstanding effort being given by all the recruiters in the 367th Recruiting Group, Sergeant Pleasants didn't expect to win this award. "With all the great recruiters in this group and squadron, any of them could have won this award. It was a hard battle and I was fortunate enough to win," he said.

As with all awards, Sergeant Pleasants work was not an individual effort.

"This was a team effort, from top to bottom," he explained. "We have great leadership in this squadron starting with the commander, superintendent, first ser-

geant and flight chief. Then we have an outstanding support team from training, to the military entrance processing station, operations, marketing and finance. I think I have the best flight and best office partners in this squadron, we have great camaraderie and we each challenge one another to strive to be the best," Sergeant Pleasants said.

His respect for his co-workers is well noted and echoed in their feelings toward him. "Tech. Sgt. Pleasants is an outstanding representative for the fine people we have assigned to the 331st Recruiting Squadron," said Senior Master Sgt. David Sheppard, 331st RCS superintendent. "We're all very proud of his achievements and his selection as a Blue Suit award winner."

The squadron, which recruits out of Alabama, Georgia, North and South Carolina and the Florida Panhandle, actually made its fiscal year recruiting goal in June. The squadron recruits young adults in a 4,000 square mile area. The 331st RCS signed 1,200 enlistment contracts last year and is on its way to signing 1,500 contracts this year, said 331st RCS commander Maj. Andrew Pears.

"The success of our squadron is dependent on individual as well as group efforts," said Sergeant Sheppard. "Tech. Sgt. Pleasants' selection showcases just one of the many outstanding efforts being put forth by the members of the 331st Recruiting Squadron."

## AFPC offers guidance to retiring civilians

**RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas** — In five years, more than 60,000 members of the Air Force's civilian staff will be eligible for retirement or an "early out."

Personnel officials encourage civilians, who want to retire in the near future to plan ahead, seek counseling early and take advantage of the wealth of information on the Benefits and Entitlements Service Team at: [afpc.randolph.af.mil/palacecompass/BEST/retiring.htm](http://afpc.randolph.af.mil/palacecompass/BEST/retiring.htm).

General retirement eligibility is based on age and length of service requirements of the employee's retirement program. Since the system assumes all of an employee's service time is creditable for retirement, employees who previously took a refund of

their retirement contributions, or owe a deposit for temporary service or military service need to consult with a benefits counselor.

"Once you've determined your eligibility date and select a tentative retirement date, you can begin to prepare for your retirement," said Barbara Ellis, retirement unit supervisor.

The BEST team recommends employees submit their retirement package to AFPC at least 90 to 120 days before their retirement date.

Ms. Ellis explained some factors to consider when planning retirement are whether to carry survivor benefits and life and health insurance into retirement.

For questions, call (800) 997-2378. (AFPC)



# Air Force receives two patents for new technology

**ROME, N.Y.** — The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office issued two patents to the Air Force Research Laboratory for technologies that'll help prevent catastrophic aircraft system failures by detecting wiring problems.

"Aircraft wiring systems are known to be a large contributor to aircraft problems," said Frank Born of the AFRL information directorate. "Cable chafing and connector corrosion are both age-related and, as such, will continue to cause more problems as the air fleet ages."

AFRL officials developed two techniques that may help detect these potentially life-threatening situations before they can cause system failures. The first technique, which received a patent for detection of conduit chafing, uses a simple sensing technique to monitor for chafing in electrical and hydraulic conduits that can lead to disastrous mid-air failures.

"Our technique basically involves wrapping a fiber optic cable or piece of wire around the conduit (being monitored)," said Mr. Born. "When the sensor breaks or short-circuits, you know you have dangerous chafing."

The technology is expected to draw interest from aircraft manufacturers concerned with chafing problems involving electrical systems. However, it can also be applied to hydraulic or fuel lines where rupture or bursting can cause system failures and damage to surrounding materials. AFRL officials licensed the new patent to Kildeer Mountain Manufacturing Co. of Kildeer, N.D. This company has teamed with United Airlines and obtained a Federal

Aviation Administration contract to develop a prototype, and possibly flight-test it to test for high-risk cables on a Boeing 737 aircraft.

The second technique, which received a patent, addresses the problem of corrosion on electrical connectors.

In many environments, corrosion on electrical connectors is probably the leading cause of system malfunctions, said AFRL officials. Identification of degraded connector performance caused by corrosion is difficult because of the intermittent nature of many connector-caused system failures.

Corroded electrical contacts are also temporarily wiped clean of corrosion on critical pin and sleeve surfaces when connectors are manually separated for inspection. The patented test instrument can detect the presence of significant corrosion on connectors prior to 'un-mating' them, Mr. Born said. "The technique injects a test signal through the cable insulation and records out the signal reflected from the connector contacts. The reflected signal will indicate the extent to which corrosion is affecting the transmission of the electrical signals across the connector junctions."

"We expect this technology will be commercialized, since it has applications as a tester for cables and connectors throughout the transportation industry for any system subject to corrosion," he said. "The technology has potential applications in identifying hidden electronic corrosion in automobiles, trains, subway and shipboard systems." (AFPN)

## Documents key to military readiness

**HANSCOM AIR FORCE BASE, Mass.** — For active-duty military people, readiness brings to mind many different things, having the proper gear and training to perform a mission, or being physically fit to carry out assigned tasks.

But just as important, and often overlooked, is making sure three critical documents are kept up-to-date: the Department of Defense Form 93, a will and Servicemen's Group Life Insurance forms.

The DD Form 93 is the emergency data card for all military members.

"In the event a person dies, this form provides the casualty affairs office with next of kin information so notifications can be made," said Senior Master Sgt. Stephan Tupeck, 66th Mission Support Squadron customer support chief and assistant military personnel flight superintendent here.

"I can't stress enough how

important it is to have this form kept up-to-date," he added. "I've seen instances where notification teams have gone to an address listed on a DD Form 93 to make a notification to the next of kin only to find that the family doesn't live there anymore."

The second most important document for military people to keep up-to-date is a will, military personnel experts said.

"We find, too often, that 25 to 30 year olds think they don't need a will," Sergeant Tupeck said.

"It's an important part of military readiness to have a will on file before being deployed. If an active-duty member needs to have a will done they can go to the legal office where one will be completed for them," he added.

The third document experts said is critical to military readiness is the Servicemen's Group Life Insurance form.

"It's important to know who military members want their life

insurance benefits to go to," Sergeant Tupeck said.

Members are reminded to provide family members or their designated executor with copies of these forms. Military people can go to their MPF customer service section to review their forms and update information.

"It's 10 minutes that's very well spent, and hopefully we'll never have to use the information," he said. "I would guess that 70 percent of our DD Form 93s are out of date."

"People think they don't need to worry about keeping these things accurate, but you never know, as the events of the past month have taught us," Sergeant Tupeck said.

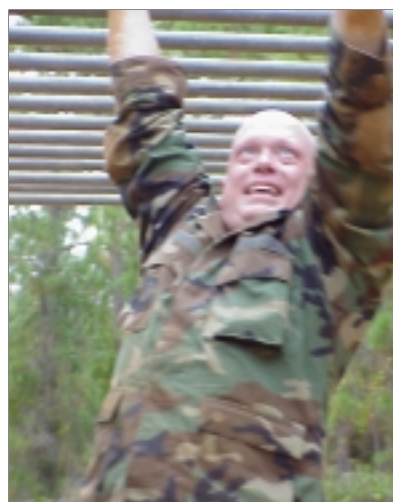
Personnel officials encourage military people to stop by their MPF to review their records.

"These three documents are critical to deployment readiness for military members. It's vital that they're kept up-to-date," he said. (AFPN)

## FEATURE



Photos by Airman 1st Class Larry DeFord



## *CFC brings in more funds, fun*

Members of the 16th Equipment Maintenance Squadron used the Combined Federal Campaign as a pillar for raising money and having a good time. Although each team had several obstacles and challenges to face while completing the course, in the end their efforts allowed the squadron to raise their contribution to CFC to \$18,000.

(top left) Airman 1st Class Tony Graham stays low as he crawls to the end of the wire obstacle at the jungle.

(top right) Airman 1st Class Chris Hill tries to keep his balance as he walks across a wooden log, the 6th obstacle in the course.

(above) Senior Airman Dae Kwon maneuvers to the end of the 8th obstacle, where participants have to go over and under the planks.

(center) 2nd Lt. Martin Sisson, event coordinator and team participant, makes his way across the monkey bars.

(right) Airman 1st Class Tammy Gueldner makes it to the end of the course, as she maneuvers her way through the last obstacle.





# LIFESTYLE

## Military

### Travel vouchers

Effective Oct. 31, travel voucher claims for military members require a supervisor's signature before the member is reimbursed. This requirement is mandatory for all temporary duty and permanent change of station settlements for military. Travel vouchers submitted after Oct. 31 without proper signatures will be sent back to the member and will cause a delay in reimbursement. The 16th Comptroller Squadron will provide each unit's orderly room with a checklist for supervisors and approving officials. For more information or questions, call the travel section at 884-4061.

## Community

### Tops in Blue

The Air Force's entertainment show, Tops in Blue performs Nov. 1 behind the Hurlburt Field Main Fitness Center on the football field at 7 p.m. Bleacher and chair seating will be available but a blanket and jacket are recommended. The event is free for military members, family members, Department of Defense civilians, retirees, and contractors. For more information, call 884-3821.

### Civilian record update

The current cost comparison studies will generate a Reduction-in-Force or RIF action that may affect any employee serviced by Eglin Air Force Base. All Eglin AFB serviced employees should ensure their personnel records are up-to-date to include veteran's preference, appraisals, education and work experience. Compensation disability awards provided by the Veterans Administration are subject to review annually and may be changed either upwards or downwards. Therefore, veterans that have compensation disability awards from the VA must provide the civilian personnel office a letter from the VA dated within 12 months on an annual basis. The verification of these awards applies only to VA awards of disability. Information contained in the official personnel record is used to determine assignment rights through RIF procedures. Employees have until Dec. 28 to submit updated or additional information on an Optional Form 612, Application for Federal Employment. Supplemental information must be received in the CPO, 16th Mission Support Squadron/DPC, building 90210, room 134, Hurlburt Field, by close of business Dec. 27 to be considered in upcoming RIFs. For your convenience, if you require a career brief to review current information, call 884-5215. If you leave a message; speak clearly, spell your last name and give your Social Security Number. People may review their electronic OPF by visiting the Web site: afpc.randolph.af.mil/dpc and click on electronic OPF. If access is denied, contact the computer systems administrator, 96th Mission Support Squadron, Eglin AFB at 882-3203 extension 266 or 16th MSS at 884-5215.

### American Indian Month

The month of November is American Indian Heritage

Month. Military members, spouses and civilians who'd like to serve on the committee should attend weekly meetings held Tuesdays at 3 p.m. at J.R. Rockers. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Lynetta Williams at 884-8746 or Master Sgt. Bryan Osborne at 884-6844.

### Haunted house

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the annual 823rd RED HORSE Squadron's haunted house won't be held this year.

### Self-help hours

The self-help store remains on the regular schedule of 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. For customer convenience, extended hours of operation will be until 4:30 p.m. each Friday throughout October. For more information, call 884-7130.

### Readiness tips

The Family Support Center has the following services available for spouses and children separated longer than 30 days: family connections support and social group, family connections newsletter, deployment activity and coloring books and free literature. For more information, call FSC at 884-5441.

### Recycling picnic

The 16th Civil Engineer Squadron's Recycling Center and Arrow Disposal sponsors a picnic for the residents of Commando Village Oct. 27 at 11 a.m. The celebration includes food and beverages, free goodies for children and the unveiling of a commemorative park bench. The celebration is due to Commando Village's participation in the Hurlburt Field's Recycling Program during the period of June 1, 2000 to June 1, 2001. For more information, call 884-2886.

### Asthma fair

Eglin Air Force Base's Pediatric Clinic sponsors an annual Asthma Fair Nov. 10, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Eglin AFB Youth Center. Hospital members will be available to answer questions and provide the latest asthma information related to childhood asthma. Also a "Why I Will Never Do Drugs," essay contest will be held and essays should be received by 4 p.m. Oct. 31 at the Eglin AFB Pediatric Clinic. For more information, call 883-8577.

### Mediation

The Equal Employment Opportunity office has a staff of certified mediators to facilitate resolution of workplace disputes, before they escalate into discrimination complaints. Each mediator is a neutral party and doesn't represent or serve as an advocate for management of the employee. For more information, call 882-4273.

### Reporting information

The Federal Bureau of Investigations has established a toll-free number for anyone with information regarding the Sept. 11 incidents in New York City and Washington D.C. If you wish to report information to the FBI, call (866) 483-5137 or to report information to local authorities, call the Air Force Office of Special Investigations at 884-6102.

### Hurlburt Field Chapel (884-7795)



#### Catholic Masses

Saturday, 5:30 p.m.  
Sunday, 7:30 and 10 a.m.  
Confessions: Saturday, 4:30 to 5 p.m., or by request.

Youth: 5 p.m. Sunday  
**Protestant Services**  
Sunday, 8:45 a.m. (praise & worship),

11:15 a.m. (traditional),  
Youth and Single Groups Available

#### Jewish Services (882-2111)

Sabbath services: Friday, 7:30 p.m., Eglin Chapel 1  
Havdallah services: next-to-the-last Saturday of each month, 7 p.m., Chapel annex

#### Muslim Services (882-2111)

Jum'ah: Friday, 12:45 p.m.  
Qur'an: Saturday, 6 p.m.

## At the movies



**Prices are \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children. Movies start at 7 p.m. unless otherwise indicated.**

Hurlburt Field (884-7648)

**Friday and Sunday** – (R) "Captain Corelli's Mandolin," starring Nicolas Cage and Penelope Cruz – In 1941 during World War II and the Italian occupation of Greece, a love begins uneasily between Italian Capt. Corelli and Greek villager Pelagia. The violent realities of warfare threaten the tender connection that's grown between Antonio and Pelagia.

**Saturday** – (PG-13) "Rat Race," starring Whoopi Goldberg and John Cleese – In Las Vegas, six people participate in a human rat race. Two million dollars is in a duffel bag in a locker in Silver City, New Mexico 700 miles away. The first one there keeps it all. What they don't know is that their every move is being tracked by gambling-crazed high rollers who're betting on the outcome.

**Friday and Sunday** – (R) "Rock Star," starring Mark Wahlberg and Jennifer Anniston – Based on a true story, an office supply salesman moonlights as a musician in a tribute band. His life is changed forever when he's chosen out of the blue to replace the lead singer of his all-time favorite band, Steel Dragon.

**Saturday** – (PG-13) "The Musketter," starring Justin Chambers and Catherine Deneuve – D'Artagnan and his fellow Musketeers are poised for battle. These legendary men of action are sworn to fight duels and right wrongs. The Musketeers aren't only defying the powers that be in 17th century France, they're also defying gravity.

*(Editor's note: Movies are subject to change. Telephone numbers are provided for patrons to confirm scheduled play dates.)*

# LIFESTYLE

## Community

### Male Chorus

Eglin Air Force Base’s male chorus celebrates it’s 8th anniversary Oct. 27, at 6 p.m. in the chapel center. Recording artists Perfect Praise Men of God will be present. For more information, call Phillip Gregory at 884-6355.

### Appreciation day

The Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce hosts Armed Forces Appreciation Day, Nov. 3. There’ll be a parade at 10 a.m. on Lewis Turner Boulevard, near the Okaloosa County Fairgrounds. Free food will be served to military members and their families. Free admission is authorized with military identification, all others will be charged \$5. Performances include Tops in Blue, the Okaloosa Walton Community College Choir, U.S. Air Force Band of Mid-America, Rachel Fife, FWB Community Chorus, Emerald Coast Barber Shop Singers, Cheryl Jones and Company, VIVA Entertainers, Tammy Mixon, FWB High School Iwo Jima re-enactment, FWB Boogie Woogie Bugle Boys and Blue Star, High Steppers and Lee Greenwood. For more information, call 244-8191.

### Work study

Veterans Administration work-study students are needed to work 5 days a week 7 a.m. to noon or 11 a.m. to

4 p.m. Interested workers should contact the Transition Assistance office at the Family Support Center, at 884-6281.

## Classes

### FSC

For more information on Family Support Center classes, call 884-5441.

- Give Parents a Break Day** – Saturday
- Career Focus Orientation** – Monday, at 9 a.m.
- Sponsorship Training** – Monday, at 1 p.m.
- Resumé Workshop** – Monday, at 1 p.m.
- Moms, Pops and Tots** – Tuesday and Wednesday at 10 a.m.
- Single Parents** – Tuesday, at noon
- Veteran’s Administration Brief at the base theater** – Wednesday, at 7:30 a.m.
- Smooth Move** – Wednesday, at 1 p.m.
- Federal Employment** – Thursday, at 9 a.m.
- Readiness** – Thursday, at 9 a.m.
- Be Your Own Boss** – Thursday, at 11:30 a.m.
- Kids Smooth Move** – Thursday, at 4 p.m.
- Fighting for Your Marriage** – Thursday, at 6:30 p.m.
- Hurricane Awareness** – Friday, at 2 p.m.

### USAF Special Ops school

For more information on Special Operations School

courses, call 884-4731 or check the Web site: [hurlburt.af.mil/usafsos](http://hurlburt.af.mil/usafsos).

- Dynamics of International Terrorism** – Monday through Oct. 26
- Latin American Orientation Course** – Monday through Oct. 26
- Special Operations Liaison Element** – Monday through Oct. 26
- Cross Cultural Communications** – Oct. 29 to Nov. 2
- Joint Civil – Military Operations Course, Level II** – Oct. 29 to Nov. 2
- Joint Special Operations Planning Workshop** – Oct. 29 to Nov. 9
- Joint Special Operations Pre-Command Course** – Oct. 29 to Nov. 3

## Sports

### FSU versus Maryland

Information Ticket and Travel offers a trip to Florida State University Oct. 27 for a game against Maryland University. The cost is \$45 and includes roundtrip transportation and game ticket.

### Over-30 basketball

There’ll be a coaches meeting Nov. 1 in the main fitness center for the over-30 basketball teams.



# SPORTS



Photos by Senior Airman James Davis

## Basketball teams keep season jumping

by Staff Sgt. André Nicholson  
Public Affairs

The Hurlburt Field Men and Women's basketball teams held their first season games Oct. 6 and 7 against Fort Benning, Ga.

The women's team, which lost both games that weekend 85 to 41 and 105 to 49 are moving full force ahead and not allowing the defeat to be a deterrent to their winning attitudes.

The coach, Brian Mitchell, 18th Flight Test Squadron, credited player Brandi Thomas, 16th Services Squadron, with having a good tournament. She ended up as the team high scorer.

The men's team, coached by Robert McKinney, 823rd RED HORSE Squadron said, although the men lost the first game of the tournament, "The strong defensive efforts by Autuon McPhail, (16th Security Forces Squadron) and Nick Herzog (823rd RED HORSE Squadron) keyed the Commando's 79-72 victory in game two."

The gallant efforts of Reginald Jefferson, 16th Supply Squadron, who carried the rebounding load with 12 points, Walter Fitzgerald, 16th Equipment Maintenance Squadron and Byron Young, 16th Helicopter Generation Squadron, both high scores with 16 and 12 points respectively, weren't enough to keep Fort Benning from defeating the Commando's 77-71 in game one.

The men's team played Moody Air Force Base, Ga. Oct. 13 and 14 and won game one 91 to 55 and game two 78 to 62.

The women and men's teams are scheduled to play Keesler Air Force Base, Miss. Saturday and Sunday.



(above) Terri Lee, Air Force Special Operations Command and Ericka Epps, 16th Aircraft Generation Squadron, crash the boards for a rebound as their teammates standby. (top left) Terrance Taylor 15th Special Operations Squadron lays up two as Walter Fitzgerald, 16th Equipment Maintenance Squadron stands by. (far left) Felicia Griffin, Fort Benning, drives by Cheryl Trapnell, AFSOC and Lavosha Davis 16th Mission Support Squadron, for two. (left) Nick Herzog 823rd RED HORSE Squadron, fights for a rebound amidst a sea of Fort Benning players.